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MR. JUSTICE MCKENNA. — With the appointment and ratification by the Senate of Joseph McKenna as Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States to fill the place of Justice Field, resigned, the name of another Californian is added to the rolls of our highest tribunal. Justice McKenna's career and judicial character, now regarded with so much interest, are not entirely familiar to the legal profession in the East. He was educated and obtained his early legal training in California, where he first held public office as county district attorney. He then served in the legislature of that State; and was elected member of Congress for four successive terms till 1892, when he resigned to accept the appointment of United States Circuit Judge for California. This position he held till he became Attorney-General, only a few months previous to his present appointment. Although some of his judicial decisions have been very unfavorably criticised, Justice McKenna has always conducted himself impartially and for the best interests of his office. The unusual opposition to his appointment to the Supreme Bench may have been due, in part, to political and religious prejudice; but opposition and prejudice are now silenced, and the nation wishes Justice McKenna a long, successful, and useful career. He steps to a post of importance and honor, — one of the highest the nation can confer.

THE SELDEN SOCIETY. — The programme of the Selden Society, as given out in a communication from its Secretary and Treasurer for the United States, Mr. Richard W. Hale, in "The Nation" of November 25th of last year, is of much interest to historical students of law, and in a lesser degree to lawyers generally. The volume for 1898 consists of extracts from the Records of the Court of Requests, and is edited by Mr. J. S. Leadam. This is the first time the history of this court, from its be-